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1. Although there is no law prescribing the immunization of the population against typhoid fever, paratyphoid, and cholera, during the past years the Ministry of Health has carried out immunization of the entire population against these diseases almost every year. Action was first taken in 1948-49 when cases of cholera were reported in Egypt and Turkey. Mixed vaccination of all persons from two to 60 years of age was effected, with the exception of those suffering from heart diseases, tuberculosis, and similar ailments. Re-immunization of the entire population was carried out in the following years. In 1952 there was another immunization campaign, but only against typhoid fever and paratyphoid, and only for industrial workers and persons living in urban areas under unsanitary living conditions.
2. According to law, the entire population between six months and 30 years of age must be examined and immunized against tuberculosis by the so-called B.C.G. (sic). A Pirquet test is carried out, followed by a Mantoe test, and if both prove negative, a Calmette immunization is effected. This campaign has already been completed with regard to children from the age of six months, pupils, and industrial workers. Babies are all immunized at the age of six months. It is intended gradually to immunize the population over 30 years of age.
3. Children reaching the age of six months are immunized against diphtheria. In addition a campaign is in progress to immunize all children up to the age of eight or nine years.
4. Children are vaccinated against smallpox before reaching the age of six months. Those born between January 1 and June 30 are vaccinated each year in the fall, and those born between July 1 and December 31 are vaccinated in March. A second smallpox vaccination is administered at the age of five, and a third one at the age of 21.

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